

Elizabeth Denison Forth Home Site *Demolished*

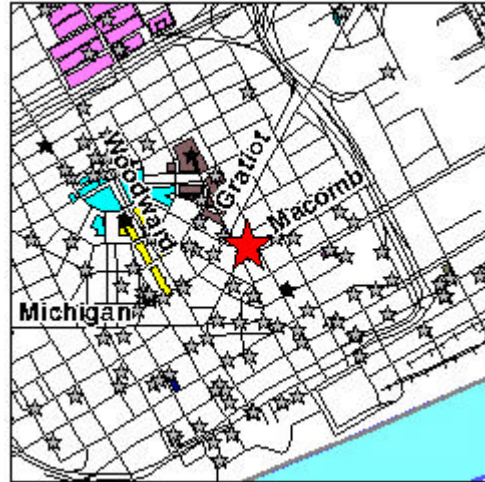
Address: 328 Macomb

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Elizabeth Denison Forth¹

Historic Overview:

Elizabeth Denison Forth (c. 1787-1866) was born a slave in Macomb County, and became a free individual by way of an 1807 court case and temporary flight to Canada. She was employed by the John Biddle family from 1830 to the 1860s and traveled extensively with them. Returning to Detroit for the last years of her life, Forth and her husband, Scipio Forth, willed money towards the building of St. James Church on Grosse Ile. Forth is believed to be the first black property owner in Oakland County, and was engaged in numerous business transactions as well. This designation marks the site of her home, on Macomb Street in Detroit.

Text as written on Michigan Historic Sites Online.

¹ Picture courtesy of <http://www.the-record.org/0107/index.html>